

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, are respectfully requested.

A. Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 36-41 are directly amended. These amendments are specifically described hereinafter. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

B. Attorney Docket Number

The *cover sheet* of the Office Action incorrectly indicates that the Attorney Docket number is 061606-8470. The correct attorney docket number is 061606-1470, as noted in the header of the Applicant's Specification. In future correspondence, Applicant requests that the attorney docket number be identified as 061606-1470.

C. Advisory Action Maintains 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

In the final Office Action mailed January 13, 2004 (Paper No. 5), claims 1-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The rejection was maintained in the Advisory Action.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 36-41 herewith to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as was discussed in the Interview between the Applicant's undersigned attorney and the Examiner on April 12, 1004. Applicant believes that the amendments to the independent claims also cures the rejection to the remaining dependent claims. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

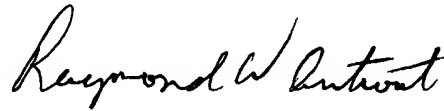
D. Request for Continued Examination

In accordance with 37 U.S.C. 1.114, a Request For Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this Response To The Advisory Office Action so that the final Office Action mailed January 13, 2004 is effectively made non-final.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now 1-41 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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